NOTE X.

A NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS ICHTHYURUS

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At the request of Mr. Ritsema I give here the description of a new *Ichthyurus* from Eastern Java, belonging to the collections of the Leyden Museum.

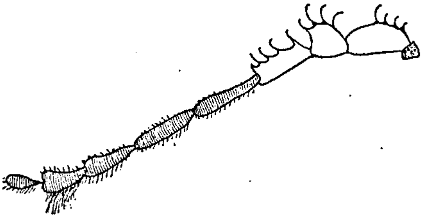
The species of *Ichthyurus* at present known as inhabiting the island of Java are very few in number, and I have to thank Mr. Ritsema for entrusting me with the study of a very remarkable form of this highly interesting genus of *Malacodermidae.*

Ichthyurus Zehntneri, n. sp.

♂. *Fusco-castaneus, subnitidus, elytris testaceis, apice dilutioribus; capite inter oculos profunde longitudinaliter foveato, antennis 9-articulatis, articulis 2—4 dilatatis, subhyalinis, fusco-marginatis, extus ciliatis, pedibus gracilibus, femoribus intermediis parum dilatatis.* — Long. $4^3/_4$ millim.

Male. Chestnut-brown, the antennae piceous with the second, third and fourth joints subhyaline margined with fuscous; the elytra testaceous, paler at the apex; wings somewhat infuscate. The legs fuscous with the base of the femora and the knees paler.

The head with scattered and very fine punctures and with a deep fovea between the eyes. The antennae nine-jointed, a little longer than half the length of the body, the first joint small, the three following broader with the external margin strongly ciliate, the following joints elongate, narrow, flattened, the penultimate one dilated at the end, the last smaller, subovate, narrow at the base. The prothorax convex, depressed along the base, shining, almost smooth on the disc, finely and scarcely punctured along the sides. The elytra narrowed beyond the middle, minutely and irregularly punctured, the tip rounded and deeply excavated above. The abdomen narrowed towards the apex, the apical segment broadly emarginated. The legs slender, the intermediate femora slightly dilated, the intermediate tibiae incurved.



A single male specimen of this very interesting insect is before me but in such a position as not to allow a more detailed description [1]).

I think it best for the present, until the other sex will be known, to refer this species to the genus *Ichthyurus*, although it is probable that a new genus will have to be established on account of the nine-jointed and strangely shaped antennae.

Hab. Poespo, on the northern slope of Mount Tengger, in the Pasoeroean Residency, East-Java. The described specimen has been captured by Dr. L. Zehntner, to whom the species is dedicated, on December 27th of last year on the undersurface of the leaves of a young fig-tree of the genus *Urostigma.*

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[1]) Owing to the delicate conditions of the specimen, the drawing of the antenna is exact as far as the basal joints only.